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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VISIT TO PIAN DEI CORSI RADIO RELAY SITE

REF: CDR USACC-MED LEGHORN MSGE 281400Z JULY 76

1. REFMSGE NOTES THAT MAYOR ZANELLI OF SAVONA HAS OFFICIALLY (THROUGH IMOD) REQUESTED VISIT TO USACC RADIO RELAY SITE 046 AT PIAN DEI CORSI NEAR SAVONA "WITH A SMALL PARTY OF LOCAL OFFICIALS" TO "FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE INSTALLATION WITH BRINGS NOTORIETY TO THE PROVINCE."

2. EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY EXAMINED THIS REQUEST IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

A. PIAN DEI CORSI IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE ESSENTIALLY A NON-CLASSIFIED RELAY SITE WHICH HAS AT TIMES IN THE PAST BEEN ERRONEOUSLY AND MALICIOUSLY DESCRIBED BY SOME ELEMENTS OF NORTHERN ITALIAN PRESS AS AN "ATOMIC BASE", ETC.

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B. MAYOR ZANELLI IS A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) THE SAVONA GIUNTA IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE PSI AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI). ONE PCI MEMBER WILL BE AMONG THE FOUR OR FIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY THE MAY, ACCORDING TO CONSUL GENERAL DISCIULLO IN GENOA, WHO RECENTLY PAID A COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR ZANELLI.

C. VISIT MAY TEND TO SET A PRECEDENT, TRIGGERING SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR VISITS TO OTHER SITES IN ITALY.

3. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE GIVEN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE. HOPEFULLY VISIT WOULD MINIMIZE OR EVEN PUT TO REST POSSIBLE FUTURE ALLEGATIONS OF SOME MYSTERIOUS OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY AT PIAN DEI CORSI. THE PRESENCE OF A PCI MEMBER IN THE GROUP SHOULD RESULT IN LITTLE OR NO ADVERSE POLITICAL REACTION, GIVEN THE OFFICIAL CAPACITY OF THE GROUP. THE REQUEST COMES FROM A DULY ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE AREA CONCERNED, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY WITH WHICH WE WISH TO ENCOURAGE FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THE QUESTION OF PRECEDENT SHOULD BE MANAGEABLE BY TREATING THIS AS AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE, APPROVING OTHER REQUESTS ONLY IN CAREFULLY SELECTED CASES.

4. IF VISIT IS APPROVED, HOWEVER, CERTAIN CAVEATS SHOULD APPLY. INVITATION SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE REQUEST FOR A VISIT IS BEING HONORED DUE TO THE OFFICIAL CHARACTER OF THE GROUP AND THAT, AS SUCH, ONLY OFFICIALS MAY PARTICIPATE. PRESS COVERAGE SHOULD BE ABSENT OR MINIMAL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE TONE OF THE VISIT SHOULD BE FRIENDLY BY HOSPITALITY, E.G. LUNCH, SHOULD NOT BE OFFERED, TO AVOID ALLEGATIONS THAT THE USG IS WARMING UP TO THE PCI.

5. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN GENOA WOULD PLAN TO BE PRESENT DURING THE VISIT, SHOULD IT BE APPROVED.VOLPE

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